

The preliminary decision on the Sinclair matter is outrageous. If the FCC only allows challenges AFTER the program has aired, then it effectively makes it impossible for Kerry to get equal time, or to prevent republican corporations that are willing to pay the fine from unfairly influencing the election. Is the FCC's position really that someone who owns media outlets can unfairly influence the election and violate the law so long as they are willing to pay the fine? That hardly seems consistent with the FCC's obligation to maintain the airwaves as a public trust.